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Condition Using a Freestanding Cover)
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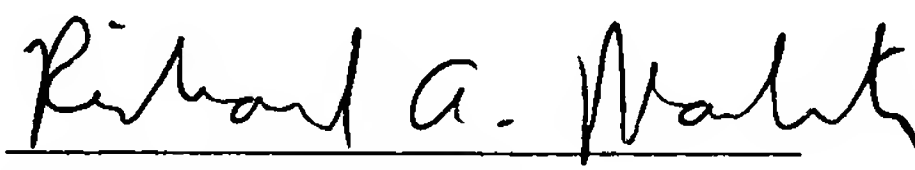
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In regard to the above-identified patent application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
A. Response to Office Action Mailed November 4, 2003;
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 4, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.